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Chair Tom Cole
Ranking Member Mike Quigley
House Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies
US House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member Quigley:

I am requesting funding in the amount of \$6,830,000 to the Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation Blue Line Infrastructure project in fiscal year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation (INDYGO), located at 1501 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46222.

The funding would be used to improve a high-performing transit route that connects the Indianapolis International Airport, Downtown Indianapolis, and diverse neighborhoods. The project will replace deficient stormwater infrastructure and pavement, and introduce dedicated bus lanes that will improve speed, reliability, and safety. Funds will support stormwater construction of the Pleasant Run and Pogues Run outfalls and includes 2-5' diameter trunk sewer. The funds will pay for infrastructure to reduce flooding events, which will improve public health and safety. The existing deficient combined sewer system will be replaced with a modern separated sewer system and detention sites.

The Blue Line Infrastructure corridor is home to several global companies such as Salesforce and Eli Lilly as well as home-grown flourishing small businesses. In total, the Blue Line corridor supports approximately 135,000 jobs along its 24.5 miles. It carries employees, customers, and visitors to their destinations across Indianapolis and directly supports a population of over 56,000 residents.

The initiative is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the additions will help improve the region's public transit and infrastructure. It will increase mobility options for residents, particularly for those who are experiencing social and economic vulnerability and are reliant on transit. This investment will also provide transit-oriented development opportunities, increased safety for all travel modes and infrastructure modernization.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Chapter 53 of Title 49 of the United States Code.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



André Carson
Member of Congress